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To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Patrick Thompson, County Administrator

Subject: Sales Tax Public Notice

Date: January 26, 2007

Please find attached two motions for consideration. The first motion will rescind the January 24, 2007 Board approved motion concerning the required public notice associated with a potential increase in the sale tax of up to  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  for a continuous period. Based on Board discussions at the January 24 meeting, and in further consultation with the Prosecutor's Office, I recommend that the Board provide more specific sales tax increase alternatives in complying with the required public notice. The second motion replaces the first and includes reference to specific alternatives for sales tax increases for the following alternatives.

Term (years)	Increase	Increase
5	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
6	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
7	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
8	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
9	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
10	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
11	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
12	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
13	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
14	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
15	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
20	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
25	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
30	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$
Continuous	$\frac{1}{4}\%$	$\frac{1}{2}\%$

This approach provides the maximum flexibility for the Board if it considers a sales tax increase in relation to a new jail and other investments in the criminal justice system to reduce crime. Providing these specific

alternatives also better meets the statutory intent of the Ohio Revised Code concerning the public noticing of potential increases in the sales tax.

In closing, I remind the Board and the readers of the replacement motion that approval of the motion does not commit the Board to increasing the sales tax, but only meets the statutorily required public notice actions needed if the Board chooses to propose an increase in the sales tax.



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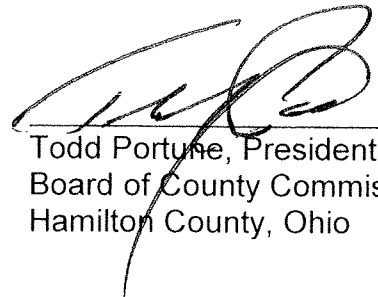
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January 26, 2007

### MOTION

Motion that this Board rescind its motion of January 24, 2007 to conduct public hearings on proposed resolutions for a sales tax increase.



Todd Portune, President  
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Motion seconded by Mr. Pepper and adopted by the following vote.  
Mr. DeWine AYE Mr. Pepper AYE Mr. Portune AYE



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### MOTION


I move that the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio conduct hearings pursuant to the provisions of R.C. 5739.021 for the purpose of deciding whether it will adopt a resolution to levy an increase in the County Sales Taxes authorized by R.C. 5739.021 and R.C. 5741.021 for the purpose of supporting criminal and administrative justice services in the county, including: the construction and operation of new jail facilities; to provide funding for inmate diversion and treatment programs; to provide funding for public safety and judicial administration measures to reduce jail overcrowding; to provide funding for crime prevention measures; and, to acquire land and other facilities by purchase or lease to accomplish these stated purposes.

The hearings shall also be conducted for the purpose of deciding whether the Board should direct the Board of Elections to submit the question of increasing the taxes to the electorate at a special election to be held May 8, 2007.

I further move that notice for two public hearings be given by publication as required by law and further that such notice shall state in addition to that which is legally required, that the Board is specifically soliciting public input on the following matters:

1. Whether the rate of an increase in the County Sales Tax should be one-quarter of one percent or one-half of one percent; and,
2. The length that any such increase to be levied at either; five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, twenty, twenty five, thirty, or continuous.

I further move that the County Administrator be directed to do things necessary to execute the directions set forth in this motion.



Todd Portune, President  
Board of County Commissioners  
Hamilton County, Ohio

Motion seconded by Mr. Pepper and adopted by the following vote:  
Mr. DeWine NO Mr. Pepper AYE Mr. Portune AYE